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SUBJECT:CANADIAN STATEMENT ON SHCHARANSKIY AND GINZBURG
TRIALS

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF A
CANADIAN PUBLIC STATEMENT RELEASED IN OTTAWA JULY 7:
2. "SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, THE HONORABLE
DONALD JAMIESON, DECLARED TODAY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF
CANADA IS DEEPLY CONCERNED AND DISAPPOINTED THAT THE
SOVIET UNION HAS CHOSEN TO IGNORE ITS OFFER TO ACCEPT
ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY IN CANADA AND TO PROCEED WITH HIS
TRIAL. THE FACT THAT MR. SHCHARANSKIY'S ATTEMPTS TO
EMIGRATE TO ISRAEL AND TO MONITOR SOVIET IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT HAVE LED TO CHARGES OF TREASON
CANNOT BUT HAVE SERIOUS NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR THE
DETENTE PROCESS.

3. "THIS TRIAL DIRECTLY CONTRAVENES THE SPIRIT OF THE
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HELSINKI FINAL ACT BY WHICH ALL SIGNATORIES AGREED TO
RESPECT HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS.

4. "IT ALSO CALLS INTO QUESTION THE COMMITMENT OF THE
SOVIET UNION TO THE FINAL ACT AND TO THE PROCESS OF
DETENTE WHICH IS LINKED TO IT.

5. "THE PRESENCE IN CANADA OF A NUMBER OF MR. SHCHARANSKIY'S RELATIVES AND WIDE CANADIAN CONCERN FOR HIM MAKE IT INEVITABLE THAT CANADIAN-USSR RELATIONS WILL ALSO SUFFER AS A RESULT OF THE TRIAL.

6. "AT A TIME WHEN WE SHOULD BE WORKING TOWARDS INCREASING CONFIDENCE AND ELIMINATING SOURCES OF TENSION, THE REPEATED TRIALS OF SOVIET CITIZENS FOR ACTIVITIES IN DEFENSE OF THEIR BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS ARE HARMFUL AND COUNTERPRODUCTIVE IN THAT THEY WILL SERVE ONLY TO FOSTER DISTRUST.

7. "THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IS EQUALLY CONCERNED TO LEARN THAT ALEKSANDER GINZBURG WILL BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL ON MONDAY, JULY 10." VANCE

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